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1. The investigations undertaken by the police following the disorders in Cairo in late January, 1952, and the arrest of suspect Palestinians, some of whom were known to be followers of Hajj Amin al-HUSAYNI, led the ex-Mufti to leave Egypt suddenly. (Field Note: source is convinced that the ex-Mufti's followers collaborated closely with the Communists and with the Ikhwan al-Muslimin in planning for the disorders). Apparently, the ex-Mufti's plans miscarried, as he had hoped that the riots would lead to a social upheaval whereby both the Egyptian Government and the monarchy would be overthrown.
2. Before leaving Egypt, the ex-Mufti left Ishaq al-DARWISH, his nephew and private secretary, in charge of his affairs. The ex-Mufti plans to return to Cairo after things have quieted down, providing that the authorities do not implicate him directly with the January disturbances in Cairo.

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